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Majority prices for next week are mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate, at times good for active retail ads and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully sufficient with heavier weights becoming more available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Boneless skinless breasts were better balanced to tight and moving well, as well as wings. Dark meat was no more than adequate, except for drums which were fully sufficient to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotated for trucklot sales of ready-tocook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 13-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

U.S. Department of Agriculture

(Incl	WTD			
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS
Delivered to Fir	rst Receivers			
Chicago	58.00-61.00	52.00-73.75	60.78	29
New York	63.00-65.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area	a FOB Dock Equi	valent		
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	55.00-74.50	72.16	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR **EQUIVALENT**

<u>LOADS</u>	RANGE FR	<u>IDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.</u>
982 69	9.20-75.75	73.51
Georgia f.o.b. dock co	nfirmed preliminary v	weighted average price on
ice packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
<u>ITEM</u>	(CENTS PER POU	ND) (000 POUNDS)
LINE DUNITENDEDO	400.00	4 200

ice packed parts.	WID. AVG.	VOLUME
<u>ITEM</u>	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.00	1,398
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	5,524
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,351
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.00	957
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,028
WINGS	96.50	2,950

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were moderate on light trade needs. Movement into retail and food service was irregular, mostly light to moderate; occasionally good for some active retail features and fast food. Retail ads noted on whole fryers at 99 and 98 cents; major brand full line bone-in items 99 cents; boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.99, \$1.99, and \$1.79; pic-ochick at \$1.19; drum or thighs at 99 cents. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable to trending heavy. Supplies of wings were limited, boneless/skinless breasts close and remaining parts adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady on thighs and dark meat and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for active ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Breast items were better balanced to close and clearing well, and dark meat was mixed, mostly adequate. Wings were barely adequate to tight and continued to have good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. | 7 of 7 plants reporting.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady with trading for next week at generally unchanged prices. Offerings in fair balance. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

Ads this week:

Southern California- whole body 55-99, cut up 169, boneless breast 138-399, organic 899, boneless leg meat 128, bone in breast 99, organic 799, leg quarter 89, thigh or drum 87-99, rotisserie 498, 12pc fried mixed 699, 12pc fried drum & thigh 399;

Northern California - whole body 69-99, organic 269, cut up 169, boneless breast IQF 179, organic 799, boneless thigh 199, bone in breast 129, leg 169, leg quarter 89, wing 189, thigh 159, drum 159, organic 149, roaster 239, cornish hen 239;

Colorado- boneless breast 179-339, buy 1 get 1 free, bone in breast 199-239, leg quarter 100, thigh 100-149, drum 100-149;

Idaho- whole body 68, boneless breast 197-299, buy 1 get 1 free, bone in breast 129-179, leg quarter 49-100, thigh or drum 99-100, IQF 4# bag 299, fried tenders 499, fried 12pc drum & thigh 449, Fried 12pc mixed dinner 899.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-tocook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were generally adequate to fully adequate with heavier sizes slightly more available. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were fully adequate to available and competitively priced. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Thighs and wings were in good balance. Drumsticks were readily available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate entering the weekend; offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate and included light spot operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were less readily available, but at least adequate. Bone-in breast were fully adequate. Both boneless/skinless and whole thighs were no more than adequate. Wings were adequate, instances short. Drums were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	<u>B</u>	<u>RANDED U.S. GRADE A</u>
RANGE		59-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		68.12
NO. OF BOXES		6,486
CUMULATIVE	12/06/04-12/10/04	67.44
	12/08/03-12/12/03	64.96
NO. OF BOXES	12/06/04-12/10/04	37,634
	12/08/03-12/12/03	40,428
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DEC 09 SOUTHERN STATES BROIL					LER/FRY					DEC 10 WEEKLY
ITEM	OUND (000)	S RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>WTD</u> AVG	(000)		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WEERLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	670	112.00-150.0		117.88	550	113.00-150.00		119.96	3.400	118.65
TENDERLOINS	292			117.69	245	104.00-170.00		120.82	1,418	118.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	70.00-74.0		71.88	102	70.00-76.00	_	72.45	490	71.86
FRONT HALVES	7	OO FEW TO	REPORT		TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		260	57.56
LEGS	7	OO FEW TO	REPORT		63	32.00-49.00	32-34	35.43	355	34.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.	00 26-27	26.33	510	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.33	2,590	26.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	930	25.00-32.	00 28-29	27.89	1,210	25.00-32.00	28	28.08	5,100	27.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-97.	00 94-97	94.37	295	94.00-100.00	94-95	95.34	1,455	93.29
WINGS (CUT)	490	110.00-117.	00 114-115	114.61	728	111.00-116.00		114.09	2,918	113.18
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO	_			OO FEW TO REP	_		192	35.80
THIGHS		OO FEW TO	_			OO FEW TO REP	_		128	38.86
B/S THIGHS		OO FEW TO	REPORT		TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		505	72.13
WHOLE BODY INDEX BAS	SED ON	N SOUTHERN	I STATES PAR	TS	WHOLE	BODY INDEX BA	SED ON SC	OUTHERN ST	ATES PA	RTS
				TRADIN	IG FOR DEC 10,	2004 F.O.B.	DOCK.			
RANGE		<u>TO</u>	DAY'S AVERAC	Œ		RANGE	TODAY'S	AVERAGE	<u>5-DA</u>	AVERAGE
38.50 - 45.00 The Index is intended solely a	as an in	dicator of value	42.2 s for commodity	l 1 /-type produ	ct and doe	37.50 - 45.00 es not represent ind	lustry's willing	40.76 ness to sell or	ability to b	41.89 buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was seasonally fair to mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breasts were available at discounted levels. Thighs and wings were in good balance and clearing well; drumsticks were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breasts. Boneless skinless breasts, wings and thighs were at least steady to instances firm.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

DEC 09	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AV	G VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	125.26	592,520	130	127.59	636,120	126.16	2,984,198
TENDERLOINS	110	111.39	122,080	110	111.08	139,280	111.51	674,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	75.86	102,600	68-69	76.01	165,560	75.61	707,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	67.89	106,240	68	69.90	119,560	68.82	562,600
LEGS	42-43	39.55	238,800	42-43	43.89	174,880	40.47	1,313,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.72	462,380	28-29	30.05	365,685	29.11	1,829,829
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	31.87	79,600	23-24	31.24	176,380	31.05	617,620
THIGHS	26-27	39.11	72,280	26-27	39.72	91,076	38.57	370,676
B/S THIGHS	77-78	74.99	57,920	77-78	67.51	249,040	70.01	562,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	103.14	136,160	96-97	104.14	161,480	103.14	647,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPP	ED) 10-12	11.89	35,320	10-12	12.11	26,000	11.87	182,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.92	12,200	30-35	28.14	12,400	28.99	69,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.29	11,720	60-65	54.68	26,320	63.74	100,200
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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

	ESTIM		ACTU		AVG \	<u>NT</u>	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000))	(1,000))			(1,000)	
	12/10	12/09	12/08	12/07	12/08	12/07	12/03	12/01
Alabama	4,155	4,021	4,053	4,006	5.26	5.26	4,978	5.25
Arkansas	5,303	5,556	5,472	5,485	5.07	5.14	6,384	5.12
Delmarva	2,154	2,207	2,188	2,095	5.57	5.76	2,035	5.64
KY-LA-TN	2,055	2,158	2,048	2,102	5.12	5.16	2,382	5.20
Mississippi	2,835	3,040	3,019	2,982	5.62	5.61	3,095	5.67
North Carolin	a 2,624	2,546	2,539	2,509	6.42	6.49	2,824	6.55
Texas	2,497	2,496	2,457	2,370	5.42	5.13	3,030	5.19
Total	21,623	22,024	21,776	21,549	5.43	5.45	24,728	5.46
Mon-Fri ′	109,827((A)					111,519	(A)
(A) Weekly o	umulativ	e for sta	tes listed	above. B	roiler-fr	yer sla	ughter und	der federal
inspection fo	r 10-Dec	c-04 and	11-Dec-04	1 is estim	nated to	be 32	,350,000 h	nead down
12.82 percen	t from a	week and	and up 7	00 perce	nt from	a vear	ano	

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

12.82 percent from a week ago and up 7.00 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,107,000, last year 30,235,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-Dec-04 is estimated to be 158,725,000 head down 2.38 percent from a week ago, and up 3.40 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 162,589,000, last year 153,501,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PI	ROCESSED
POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	RANGE

DEC 10

	KANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & up	107
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	63-67
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITU

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-108
	ICE PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

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<u>YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED</u> Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 27-Nov-04 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning	
	Food service			
	4.20 Lbs. & dow	n 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & Up	
	T	HOUSANDS		
Head	18,985	14,631	32,197	
Avg Weight	3.74	4.79	6.38	
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%	
Comparisons	5			
Last week	28,725	15,304	47,176	
Avg Weight	3.66	4.77	6.46	
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%	
Same week,	yr ago /2 17,845	17,766	35,324	
Avg Weight	3.71	4.69	6.38	
% of total /1	25%	25%	50%	
To date/2004	1,220,128	991,778	2,157,082	
To date/2003	1,099,017	1,131,814	2,092,343	

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
 (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
 (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary) **TOTAL** W/E 04-Dec-04 YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY **CHICKENS** HENS **HENS** HENS DUCKS -THOUSANDS-Head 162.589 1.413 2.878 565 1.465 Avg Wt 5.41 3.29 7.91 5.64 6.82 Last week 117,717 796 747 1,543 402 Same wk yr ago 154,912 1.399 1.437 2.836 394 Avg Wt 5.45 3.78 8.01 5.92 6.62 To-date/2004 7,510,737 65,378 65,182 130,560 22,596

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.6 million head, or 9.3 million more than estimated available.

7,384,477

To-date/2003

68,079 67,383 135,462

19,811

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DECEMBER 07, 2004 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

ALPAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

AFAFERS REQUIRED TO SELEALE OUT OF STATE FOOLIKT						
	RANGE		RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	3 1.25 - 1.70	Leghorn Roos	sters.6075 ea.			
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.30	Geese 9-14 lb	s6570			
Pekin Ducks	4.25 ea.	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25 ea.			
Red Fowl 4-5 lbs.	.3040	White Pigeons	3.00 - 4.50 ea.			
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs.	.4570	Rabbits 4-6 lb	s. 1.00 - 1.10			
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs.	6070	Rabbits 6-9 lb	s8590			
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	.50 - 2.00 ea.			
4-6 lbs	.90 - 1.00	Guinea Pigs	.15 - 1.00 ea.			
Crossbred Roosters		Goats	51.00 -55.00ea.			
7-11 lbs.	.6065	Kid Goats	35.00 -40.00ea.			
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.35	Doves	3.25 - 3.75 ea.			
Banty Roosters	3.25 - 4.00ea	a.Chukars	6.50 - 7.00 ea.			
Banty Hens	2.75 - 3.10ea	a.				
Leghorn Hens	1.00 - 1.10ea	a. Total Coop	s Sold 336			

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06-DECEMBER-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
	127 101	120 100
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	KANGE	WOSILI
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63.00-71.50	67.00-71.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	68.00-70.00

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SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 60.48-71.28 14 OZ. 66.96-77.92 16 OZ. 73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good with the upcoming holiday providing some additional consumer interest. Supplies were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIV-ERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 06-DECEMBER-2004

ORIGIN FROZEN FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS 116-134 118-139
MOSTLY

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION I	HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE PCT		AVG WT	
October	30	162.5	163.4	99%	5.33	
November	6	161.5	162.0	100%	5.32	
	13	163.9	159.1	103%	5.30	
	20	158.0	154.1	103%	5.28	
	27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27	
December	4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41	
Year to date		7602.0	7731.8	98%		
December	11		155.8			
	18		154 3			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER Under Federal Inspection

<u>Oriaci i caciai inopostion</u>					
THOUSANDS					
W/E	12/11/04	12/04/04	% CHG	12/13/03	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	158,725	162,589*	-2.38	153,501*	+3.40
Cattle	627	585	+07	614*	+02
Hogs	2,091	2,091**	0	2,150*	-03
*ACTUAL					
**REVISED					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged moderate to good for light canners; fairly good to good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least sold with the compared to the process.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

28-32 MAJORITY 28-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

29-34 MAJORITY 30-34 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST

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SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage values were too few to report. Demand was moderate for an adequate volume of spent light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was about steady. RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. A few producers were exploring alternate means of disposal and checking into local requirements at this time. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST

Prices unchanged. Offerings and checking into local requirements at this time. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

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WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were in good balance and well cleared. The undertone was fully steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING
FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS
Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2004.

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons continued in close balance with anticipated demand. Processors were active as they fill December orders. Shipper asking prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.65-1.80 MOSTLY 1.65-1.75

GEESE:

Shipper asking prices were unchanged from last week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance with anticipated demand. Product for December needs are being shipped. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 2.40-2.55 MOSTLY 2.45-2.55

PRICES REPORTED FROM LATE OCTOBER THRU MID DECEMBER.

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